

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Vice Chairman Rick Ripley, on March 6, 2009 at  
3:15 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Rick Laible, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Gary Branae (D)  
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dan McGee (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Casey Barrs, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 38, 2/23/2009

Executive Action: HB 46, HB 57, HJ 6, HB 38

**HEARING ON HB 38**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:42 Rep. Margaret Campbell (D), HD 31, opened the hearing on HB 38, Revise laws to reflect passage of 6 mill levy.

**EXHIBIT** (eds50a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:50 Cathy Swift, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

00:04:20 Joyce Silverthorne, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:05:15 Sen. Zinke

00:05:50 Greg Petesch, Legislative Services Division

00:06:45 Sen. Hawks

00:07:18 Greg Petesch

00:07:36 Sen. Hawks

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:07:47 Rep. Campbell

Chairman Laible and Sen. McGee were not present for executive action.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46**

00:09:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Zinke moved that **HB 46 BE CONCURRED IN. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously 7-0 by voice vote by members present and voting. Sen. Zinke will carry the bill in the Senate.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57**

00:11:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Branae moved that **HB 57 BE CONCURRED IN. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously 7-0 by voice vote by members present and voting. Sen. Branae will carry the bill in the Senate.

00:11:15 Sen. McGee entered the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 6**

00:12:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hawks moved that **HJ 6 BE CONCURRED IN. MOTION CARRIED** unanimously 8-0 by voice vote by members present and voting. Sen. Hawks will carry the bill in the Senate.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38**

00:13:47 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 38 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

00:14:33 Sen. Zinke  
00:14:42 Sen. McGee  
00:15:00 Sen. Ripley  
00:15:15 Sen. McGee  
00:15:36 Sen. Hawks  
00:16:06 Casey Barrs  
00:16:20 Sen. McGee

00:16:42 **Vote:** **MOTION CARRIED** unanimously 8-0 by voice vote by members present and voting with Sen. Hawks voting by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill in the Senate.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:35 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([eds50aad.pdf](#))**